Targets for providing telephones in Delhi

1586. SHRI J. K. JAIN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to refer to the answers to Unstarred Questions 893 and 949 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 25th November, 1985 and state:

(a) whether any targets have been fixed for providing telephone connections to the aspirants on the different categories of the waiting list of Delhi Telephones during the current financial year 1985-86;

(b) if so, details thereof; and

(c) what is the present capacity of telephone connections in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) and (b) The target of provision of new telephones during the current financial year is 32,000 lines. The connections are generally released in proportion of 40 per cent, 40 per cent and 20 per cent in respect of OYT, Non-OYT General, and Non-OYT-Special categories respectively.

(c) The equipped capacity of Delhi Telephone system is 3,36.500 lines as on 31-10-85.

Commission on Judicial Reforms

1587. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal under active consideration of the Government to set up a Commission on Judicial Reforms;

(b) if so, by when the said Commission is likely to be set up; and

(c) what are the proposed terms of reference and what shall be the composition of the Commission?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) The Government has decided to set up a Commission on Judicial Reforms.

(b) Necessary action is being taken to formally set up the Commission.

(c) This will be a one-man Commission and the terms of reference will be made public as and when the Commission is set up.

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REFERENCE TO THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE BHOPAL GAS TRAGEDY

MR. CHAIRMAN: Hon'ble Members will recall that the entire nation was shocked at the ghastly tragedy which occurred at Bhopal on December 3, last year due to the leakage of poisonous Methyle Isocyanate gas from a tank of the Union Carbide Factory, taking a toll of a very large number of innocent lives and causing serious ill effects on the health of several thousand others. It was indeed a tragedy of enormous magnitude. Today happens to be the anniversary of that tragedy. While the scientists are studying all aspects of the effects of the gas leakage and a legal battle is going on about compensation to be awarded to the victims, our hearts go to all those who have suffered due to this man-made tragedy. This House remembers those who have lost their lives and hopes that such a tragedy will never occur again anywhere in the world. We trust that all relief and succour will be provided to those who are affected.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Paraffin wax (Supply, Distribution and Price Fixation) Amendment Order, 1985

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table under sub-section (6) of section 3 of the Essential Commodities